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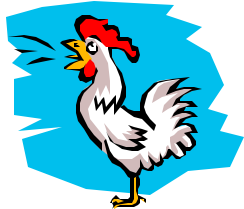
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NATIONAL BROILER MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

Trade sentiment was about steady to at times barely steady. Demand was mostly light to fair, with better interest often centering around attractive retail promotions and fast food channels. Supplies of the larger sizes were fully adequate to available, and the lighter weights were generally adequate. In the parts structure, discounted breast items stimulated limited additional movement. Thighs and thigh meat were adequate to ample, the balance of parts were sufficient. In production areas, live supplies were moderate. Weights were desirable to heavy.

GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES The Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for next week's trading advanced .25 cent to 59.00 cents based on full truck load lots of ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds. This compares to 60.75 cents last year on the 9th of June, 1999.

Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted prices on ice-packed parts for next week's trading.

ITEM	DOCK PRICE (CENTS PER POUND)
BREASTS - B/S	153.00
BREASTS - WHOLE	77.50
THIGH MEAT - B/S	92.50
LEG QUARTERS	21.00
WINGS	52.50

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CHICK PLACEMENT AND EGG SET TOTAL

15 STATES	PERCENT CHANGE	
WEEK ENDING 06/03/00	2000	1999 PREVIOUS YEAR
EGGS SET	186,536	183,766 +102%
CHICKS PLACED	149,987	147,860 +101%

Broiler Eggs Set In 15 Selected States Up 2 Percent

Commercial hatcheries in the 15-State weekly program set in incubators 187 million eggs during the week ending June 3, 2000. This was up 2 percent from the eggs set the corresponding week a year earlier. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week was 82 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

Broiler Chicks Placed Up 1 Percent

Broiler growers in the 15-State weekly program placed 150 million chicks for meat production during the week ending June 3, 2000. Placements were up 1 percent from the comparable week in 1999. Cumulative placements from January 2, 2000, through June 3, 2000, were 3.23 billion, up 1 percent from the same period a year earlier.

BASED ON THE PRELIMINARY CHICK PLACEMENTS, THE NUMBER OF FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING DURING THE WEEK ENDING 15-Jul-00 IS ESTIMATED AT 154.1 MILLION HEAD. THIS COMPARES TO 154.3 MILLION HEAD THE PREVIOUS WEEK AND TO 154.6 MILLION HEAD THE SAME WEEK A YEAR AGO, WHEN THE SLAUGHTER WAS 137.9 MILLION HEAD AND THE 12-CITY WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE WAS 60.39 CENTS PER POUND.

WESTERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS Market tone about steady. Offerings ample. Sharp discounts offered on additional product but greeted with little enthusiasm. Trade needs limited with interest in other than regular commitments practically nil. Retail demand moderate, best where featured. Floor stocks adequate to instances longer than desired. Market tone remained weak on breasts and about steady on balance of parts. Ads noted: N. CA - whole legs 99, thighs 59-99, wings 99, drumsticks 59-99, bone-in breasts 139-149, boneless breasts 199-399, boneless thigh meat 249, roasters 99 and cornish hens 169.

SOUTHERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS Trade sentiment was about steady. Demand continued light to no better than fair. Supplies were at least adequate for the limited inquiry. In the parts structure, breast items remained in heavy supply, and were often slow to clear. Thigh meat was increasingly available, however, the balance of dark meat items were generally adequate. In production areas, live supplies were moderate. Weights were mostly desirable to heavy.

MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYERS Whole broiler/fryer trade sentiment steady to barely steady. Additional offerings of whole birds and WOGs fully adequate or available on heavy sizes with some spot shortages noted in Michigan and Ohio on smaller sized WOGs. Distributors being cautious and buying hand to mouth. In Michigan and Ohio retail features noted on whole fryers at buy one get one free. In Chicago retail features noted on boneless/skinless breasts, wings and leg quarters. Retail demand was fair in Ohio and Chicago, light to fair at best elsewhere. Food service demand was light to moderate. Floor stocks adequate to instances ample with sizes desirable to heavy. Jumbo and smaller sized parts trading moderate, balance of trading mixed for the fully adequate offerings. Breast items attracting limited interest even at sharply discounted price levels. Trade sentiment generally steady on leg quarters and wings and barely steady to weak on breast items.

NORTHEAST REGION BROILER/FRYERS Trucklot buying interest on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers was moderate. Offerings of larger birds were usually available and smaller sizes were adequate for current needs. Retail and distributive movement was at best moderate. However, fast food interest was reported as fairly active. The market tone was no better than steady. In the parts market, breast items and thigh meat were available, wings were in close balance and other items were generally sufficient for trade needs.

DELMARVA BROILER/FRYER MARKET Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was mostly light and unaggressive, typical of normal mid-week activity, but below expectations for the first of the month. Offerings were fully adequate and were more readily available on the larger sizes. Live supplies were at least moderate; weights varied and were mostly desirable to heavy. Processing schedules were moderately heavy. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged at 56 to 68 cents. Trade sentiment was about steady. Breast cuts were competitively priced to stimulate buying interest. Wings were in generally good balance. Legs and Leg quarters were adequate. Thighs were ample.

*BROILER/FRYER CURRENT NEGOTIATED PRICES FOR IMMEDIATE DELIVERY INCLUDES MOSTLY MULTIPLE-DROP SHIPMENTS OF BRANDED AND WING TAGGED TO NEW YORK CITY FROM DELMARVA.	
BRANDED U.S. GRADE A	
RANGE	50-67
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	59.86
NO. OF BOXES	8,156

*6 of 8 plants reporting.

JUNE 06, 2000

SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS

JUNE 07, 2000

ITEM	POUNDS (000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	632	140.00-206.00	145-150	148.79
TENDERLOINS	228	145.00-205.00	145-149	151.40
BREAST - LINE RUN	155	74.00-79.00	75-76	75.29
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
LEGS	48	27.00-35.00	-	28.33
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	509	17.00-19.00	17-18	17.70
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,267	19.00-22.00	19-21	20.46
WINGS (WHOLE)	92	48.00-54.00	49-51	51.80
WINGS (CUT)	429	55.00-73.00	55-56	56.18
DRUMSTICKS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
B/S THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			

WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS
TRADING FOR JUNE 06, 2000 — F.O.B. DOCK.

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE
35.00 - 37.50	36.10

ITEM	POUNDS (000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	642	140.00-206.00	145-150	150.41
TENDERLOINS	180	145.00-205.00	150-155	152.67
BREAST - LINE RUN	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
LEGS	64	27.00-31.00	-	27.25
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	520	17.00-19.00	17-18	17.65
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	910	19.00-22.00	19-21	19.95
WINGS (WHOLE)	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
WINGS (CUT)	393	51.00-74.00	55-56	55.51
DRUMSTICKS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
B/S THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			

WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS
TRADING FOR JUNE 07, 2000 — F.O.B. DOCK.

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	5-DAY AVERAGE
35.25- 37.50	36.20	35.86

The Index is intended solely as an indicator of values for commodity-type product and does not represent industry's willingness to sell or ability to buy.

NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS

Boneless/skinless breast, line-run breast and thigh meat were weak. Wings improved and were at least fully steady. Overall, trucklot buying activity was slow. Offerings of breast items and thigh meat were readily available with limited interest reported. Wings were usually in close balance to well cleared. All other items were generally sufficient for current needs. Movement into retail and distributive channels was slow, but fairly good into fast food locations.

*PRICES PAID PER POUND, ICE PACKED AND CO2 PACKED BROILER/FRYER PARTS, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS IN POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES

JUNE 06, 2000

JUNE 07, 2000

ITEM	CURRENT NEG TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOL/LBS
BREAST - B/S	145-150	148.24	513,950
TENDERLOINS	145-150	149.98	87,380
BREAST - WITH RIBS	70-71	81.67	239,280
BREAST - LINE RUN	70	69.39	195,750
LEGS	34-35	37.46	193,440
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	24-25	25.30	464,084
DRUMSTICKS	37-38	40.32	126,200
THIGHS	28-29	33.77	121,350
B/S THIGHS	86-87	90.86	39,280
WINGS (WHOLE)	50-51	60.37	269,320
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	12.00	38,960
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	30-35	34.00	30,055
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	40-45	44.45	61,630

ITEM	CURRENT NEG TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOL/LBS
BREAST - B/S	135-140	149.06	314,440
TENDERLOINS	145-150	147.67	104,640
BREAST - WITH RIBS	67-68	78.45	206,080
BREAST - LINE RUN	67	67.59	185,120
LEGS	34-35	40.23	156,160
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	24-25	24.63	460,110
DRUMSTICKS	37-38	40.70	128,400
THIGHS	28-29	36.61	90,160
B/S THIGHS	84-85	91.20	45,040
WINGS (WHOLE)	51-52	60.37	278,960
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	12.07	53,400
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	30-35	34.46	31,680
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	40-45	45.11	53,520

INCLUDES: NY CITY METRO. AREA, RI, NORTHERN NJ, MA, CT, PA (NORTHEAST OF HARRISBURG).

* TODAY'S NEGOTIATED SALES AS OF 11:30 A.M.

** WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE OF ALL GRADES AND BRANDS OF PRODUCT SHIPPED, OR TO BE SHIPPED AS OF 1:30 P.M.

ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS (IN THOUSANDS)

	ESTIMATED	ACTUAL	AVG WTS	ACTUAL WTS	AVG WTS
	06/07	06/06	06/05	06/02	06/05
ALA	3,912	4,052	3,913	4,317	5.09
ARK	5,217	5,294	5,132	6,817	4.93
DELMARVA	2,468	2,392	2,463	2,577	5.17
KY-LA-TN	2,086	2,119	2,096	2,105	4.56
MISS	2,787	2,794	2,783	3,142	5.12
NC	2,600	2,597	2,554	3,358	5.90
TEXAS	2,362	2,353	2,335	2,365	4.81
TOTAL	21,432	21,601	21,276	24,681	5.08
MON-WED	64,560	(A)			
				49,139	(A)

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 07-Jun 00 is estimated to be 32,065,000 up 2.86 percent from a week ago and up 5.9 percent from a year ago.
(Last week 31,173,000; last year 30,266,000)

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED POULTRY

DELIVERED TO RETAILERS	RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	78-82
ROASTERS 4# & UP	80-90
HENS UNDER 5#	
HENS OVER 5#	74
DUCKS	125
RABBITS-WHOLE	299
RABBITS-CUT UP	309

SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY

DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

FRESH FRYERS	ICE PACK	92-96
	DRY PACK	102-104
ROASTERS 4# & UP	ICE PACK	106-111
	DRY PACK	112-119
HENS OVER 5#	ICE PACK	94
	DRY PACK	98
DUCKS		148-160

ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER

UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION FOR WEEK ENDING JUNE 7-00

	CURRENT WEEK	PREVIOUS WEEK
	06/10/00 (1)	06/03/00
BRO-FRY	161,100 (2)	144,701
LT HENS	1,960	1,569
HVY HENS	1,608	1,382
CHECK TOTAL	164,668	147,652

(1)ESTIMATED

(2)The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 10-Jun-00 is 157.3 million head compared to 153.7 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 161.4 million head or 4.1 million more than estimated available. For week of 17-Jun-00 the estimated available is 158.5 million head.

WEEKLY COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS

SELECTED STORAGE CENTERS

(INCLUDES GOVERNMENT STOCKS) (IN THOUSANDS)

	PROCESSED TURKEY	PROCESSED POULTRY
	LBS	LBS
AM 5-Jun-00	143,376	90,078
AM 1-May-00	127,404	90,183
CHG	15,972	-105
PCT CHG	13	0

COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT (IN THOUSANDS)

	PROCESSED TURKEYS			PROCESSED POULTRY		
	06/5/00	05/29/00	06/7/99	06/5/00	06/7/00	06/7/99
PACIFIC						
COAST	21,413	18,480	35,729	13,495	14,214	18,330
LOS ANGELES	404	439	1,374	4,418	4,573	10,287

HACKETTSTOWN POULTRY SALES

FOR 06/06/00

	LOW	HIGH	AVG		LOW	HIGH	AVG
HEAVY FOWL lb.	.90	1.45	1.06	HEAVY FOWL ea.	-	1.50	-
LIGHT FOWL lb.	-	-	-	LIGHT FOWL ea.	-	-	-
MIXED FOWL lb.	-	-	-	MIXED FOWL ea.	-	-	-
BANTAMS lb.	.50	.60	.54	BANTAMS ea.	2.25	2.50	-
BROILERS lb.	.30	.45	.34	BROILERS ea.	-	-	-
ROASTERS lb.	-	-	-	ROASTERS ea.	-	-	-
FRYERS lb.	-	-	-	FRYERS ea.	-	-	-
CHICKS lb.	-	-	-	CHICKS ea.	.25	.75	-
PULLETS lb.	-	-	-	PULLETS ea.	1.50	4.00	-
BUNNIES lb.	-	-	-	BUNNIES ea.	.50	3.75	-
ROOSTERS lb.	.60	1.30	1.06	ROOSTERS ea.	3.00	6.50	-
GEESE lb.	-	-	-	GEESE ea.	-	6.00	-
TURKEYS lb.	.50	.70	.64	TURKEYS ea.	-	5.00	-
DUCKS lb.	.70	1.60	1.20	DUCKS ea.	.75	5.00	-
RABBITS lb.	.70	1.15	.86	RABBITS ea.	.75	1.75	-
PIGEONS lb.	-	-	-	PIGEONS ea.	1.50	6.25	-
GUINEA FOWL lb.	-	-	-	GUINEA FOWL ea.	5.00	8.00	-
DUCKLINGS lb.	-	-	-	DUCKLINGS ea.	.50	3.25	-
GUINEA KEETS ea.	-	-	-	CALL DUCKS ea.	-	5.50	-
SILKIES ea.	-	5.00	-	GOSLINGS ea.	-	-	-
GUINEA PIGS ea.	-	-	-				

TOTAL COOPS 162

CENTRAL MISCELLANEOUS POULTRY RTC HENS

READY-TO-COOK PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR DELIVERY TO FIRST RECEIVERS, U.S. GRADE A AND PLANT GRADE, 5 LBS. AND UP, FOR WEEK OF June 05, 2000

	RANGE
HENS ICE PACKED (12 PER BOX)	56-58
VACUUM PACKED (6-9 PER BOX)	62-64

MAJOR WHOLESALE MARKETS-Mexico City

Cents per pound for the week ending June 2, 2000

	Whole Chickens	Breasts	Legs W/ Thighs	Necks, Backs & Wings	Livers/ Gizzards	Hens
RAYON						
Low	78.91	142.61	80.81	28.52	7.13	57.04
High	81.76	152.11	90.32	38.03	9.51	57.04
Mostly	79.86	152.11	85.56	33.27	9.51	57.04
SAN JUAN						
Low	77.01	137.85	80.81	26.14	9.51	59.42
High	78.91	156.87	95.07	38.03	11.88	59.42
Mostly	78.43	147.36	85.56	33.27	9.51	59.42
NEW SAN JUAN						
Low	78.43	142.61	80.81	28.52	7.13	57.04
High	80.81	152.11	90.32	38.03	9.51	57.04
Mostly	78.91	142.61	80.81	38.03	9.51	57.04
BECERRA						
Low	77.01	133.10	85.56	33.27	9.51	60.85
High	78.91	152.11	99.82	47.54	10.46	60.85
Mostly	78.43	152.11	90.32	38.03	9.51	60.85

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